



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT – Payment of exgratia of Rs.1.00 lakh to the family members of the sheep rearers in the State in case of accidental death of sheep rearer due to unavoidable life risks while in the activity of rearing of sheep – Orders – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (AH.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 64

Dated 31st August,, 2009.
Read the following:

1. From the Director of Animal Husbandry, Letters No.138/SGD/2007, dated 17.6.2008 and 22.1.2009.
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ORDER:

In the letters read above, the Director of Animal Husbandry has reported that sheep rearing is one of the major sources of livelihood for small and marginal farmers, who mostly belong to weaker sections of the society in semi-arid and arid areas of Andhra Pradesh. Sheep rearing is mostly carried out as an extensive migratory system of rearing with minimum external inputs and provides a dependable and steady income to the poorest people of the society. Most of the sheep rearers are illiterates, poor and are from socially backward classes. Sheep are mainly dependent on the post harvest crop residues, forest lands, uncultivable hilly areas, road side lands and common pool resources. The shepherds lead a nomadic life moving along with the migratory sheep along rivers, through forests, hillocks and other dangerous areas for finding out better areas for grazing the sheep. Due to their nomadic life style, the sheep rearers face serious hazards to their lives like snake bites, thunder bolts, drowning in the flood water while taking rest on the river beds during night time. Approximately 20 to 25 shepherds lose their lives due to such hazards every year, which is irreparable loss to the dependent families, who need financial help following such losses. It is desirable to support the dependent families financially/providing ex-gratia. He has also reported that the Cabinet Sub Committee on Backward Classes has also recommended such support to the dependent shepherd's family in case of death of a poor sheep rearer.

2. In view of the above, the Director of Animal Husbandry has proposed to provide financial support of Rs.1.00 lakh (Rs. One lakh only) as ex-gratia to the dependent members, in case of death of the sheep rearer accidentally, while in the activity of sheep rearing, which will be paid through the concerned District Collector and requested the Government for issue of suitable orders.

3. After careful examination of the matter and keeping in view the plight and the circumstances under which the sheep rearers are prone to various kinds of hardships, Government hereby accord permission for payment of an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh (Rs. one lakh only) as ex-gratia to the dependent family members of the sheep rearer, in case of death of the sheep rearer accidentally, while in the activity of sheep rearing. The sheep rearers eligible for this scheme shall be the members of the concerned Primary Sheep Breeders Cooperative Society in the District.

4. The Director of Animal Husbandry is requested to arrange payment of ex-gratia through the concerned District Collectors. He is further requested to incur the expenditure in this regard from the funds provided under Sheep Insurance.

5. The Director of Animal Husbandry is requested to take further action accordingly.

P.T.O.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.AHFFCS&E) Department vide their U.O. No.2984/26/A1/Expr.AHFFCS&E/09, dated 25.2.2009.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.P. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY,
Special Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Animal Husbandry, Hyderabad.

The Member-Convenor, Andhra Pradesh Sheep & Goat Development
Cooperative Federation Limited, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

All the District Collectors in the State.

The Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister for AH,DD,F&VVU.

The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Govt., A.H.D.D. & F. Department.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Finance (Expr.AHFFCS&E) Department.

The G.A. (Cabinet) Department with reference to
C.R. No.154/2009 dt. 12.8.2009)

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SECTION OFFICER